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SUBJECT:MAJOR PROJECT: INDONESIA'S PLANS FOR SUGAR MILLS

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1. ARKEL INT'L BATON ROUGE, LA, HAS ASKED USDOC/MEPD ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING STATUS OF SUBJECT PROJECT. REFTEL REPORTS POSSIBLE REVISED PLANS FOR REPELITA III FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SUGAR PLANTS. REVISED PLAN WOULD INCLUDE NEW SITES AS WELL AS SHIFTING FUNDING TO WORLD BANK. REQUESTED INFORMATION: (1) IS REPELITA III GIVING SUGAR PLANS ANY PRIORITY; (2) IS MR. RACHMAT STILL MINAG OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR SUGAR PLANTS; (3) HAS TIME TABLE LOCATION, AND CAPACITY OF COMPLEXES BEEN CONFIRMED; AND (4) WHO WERE OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS SELECTED FOR WORK AS OUTLINED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL?

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2. REGARDING P.T. MARISON'S PROPOSED PLANS TO ESTABLISH PLANTS IN SOUTH SULAWESI, IS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY? ARKEL SAYS THEY HAVE HAD NUMBER OF MEETINGS AND CONTACTS WITH NAHAR OF MARISON AND WITH IFC WHO REPORTEDLY ARE INTERESTED IN PROJECT; HOWEVER, NO CLEAR INFORMATION ON LOCAL INVESTORS' DECISION TO PROCEED.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE
FOR ARKEL AND USDOC/MEPD. VANCE

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